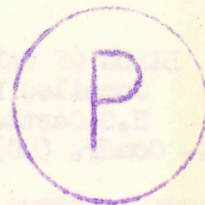


Extra Heavy Wind
and Rain

THE PALMYRA CIRCLE



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The communication installation crew headed by Koken Higa arrived on the navy plane Thursday morning. The other members of the crew are Bill Fells and Mr. Castor. Bill Fells, tells us the Joe Carvalho, might have been with them only he did not make up his mind soon enough. (Who is she Joe?)

David Lyman, was the first one off the plane when it landed. He has the distinction of being the No.1 commuter, between the Big City and Palmyra Island. He made a quick check on the progress of the construction and departed for Honolulu on the plane when it returned from Samoa Saturday (Friday night) There were no other departing passengers from here this week.

CANTON ISLAND NEWS from the Honolulu Star Bulletin October 28th.

W.T. BACKUS GIVEN PACIFIC ISLAND POST. Washington, Oct 27 (U.P.)

The interior department Tuesday announced appointment of Wallace T. Backus of Hawaii as U.S. administrator of Canton and Enderbury islands.

Backus is station manager for the civil aeronautics administration and deputy U.S. marshal on Canton island, a refueling point for commercial aircraft flying from Honolulu to New Zealand and Australia via the Fiji islands and New Caledonia.

Canton island has no native population and Enderbury is uninhabited. The two islands are administered jointly by the United States and the United Kingdom.

The new administrator was assigned to Canton CAA duty on January of this year.

Prior to that assignment, he was communication analyst for the CAA in Hawaii. He had held that position for three years following his arrival here January 18, 1945.

A. William Barlow, public information officer for the CAA in Honolulu, explained that Mr. Backus' new appointment was necessitated by the set-up for the administration of Canton and Enderbury islands.

Under a 1939 agreement between the United States and Great Britain, the area is jointly administered, and Washington made Backus

appointment so that our government would have a representative of equal rank with that of the British. Mr. Barlow explained.

The new administrator's wife, Mrs. Josephine Backus, is the present acting postmaster at Canton, Mr. Barlow said.

NEWS FROM THE HONOLULU PAPERS Oct. 27th - Nov. 8th

22 foot man-eating shark harpooned 10 miles off Lahaina Maui, between Lanai and Kahoolawe. The white shark or Huihi was estimated to weigh 3000 pounds. The liver weighed 700 pounds and at \$12. a pound for the right kind, thats a lot of liver.

Senator Glen Gages, 56, one of Kauai's best known civic, political and business leaders, died at Wilcox Hospital at Lihue at 2 AM November 4th. It was believed that he suffered a heart attack after his upset defeat in the Tuesday elections.

Bikini natives are moved to the island of Kili (the basket of the Marshalls). 181 persons were originally moved to Rongerik, which proved inadequate in resources to sustain them.

16 crewmen of the Panamanian freighter Virginia II held up the sailing after walking off the ship in Pearl Harbor, when their demand for \$500 bonus' for sailing a load of ammunition to China was refused. 10 new men were flown from the coast before the ship could sail.

Army, Navy and Air Force to unite as HASP for military policing. They will be headed by Lt. Col E.C. Moore. Lt. Comdr A.F. Frear will be second in command. The combined police forces will move from the Honolulu Police Station and neighboring buildings to the Old Naval Station on Ala Moana.

The South Sea Shipping Co. which was formed last year and purchased a surplus F.S. boat for trading in the islands isn't doing so good. Their boat the M.V. Pomare sailed for the mainland Nov. 2nd to bring back 200 turkeys for Christmas. 100 miles out it started to leak and had to put back to Pearl Harbor for repairs. It seems that it has had considerable trouble ever since they purchased it.

Late NEWS. England has new heir to throne. Princess Elizabeth has boy, while thousands wait outside Buckingham palace for news.

BIRDS OF PALMYRA

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BRISTLE-THIGHED CURLEW

The Bristle-Thighed Curlew belongs to the migratory class of birds that visit our Island, although we always have a few with us, evidently stragglers from the main flight. They are frequently seen along the road from Papula Island to Home Island. It is considered a choice game bird in Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. It derives its name from the call "curlew" it gives when it flies away. These birds also nest in the tundras of Alaska in spring and migrate southward to New Zealand, then return to Alaska by the next May.

SANDERLING.

The Sanderling is also a migrant. It breeds in the Arctic and migrates southward. It is a very beautiful bird and when a few are once seen flying they are not easily forgotten or confused with other birds. They are probably not over 12 of them on the islands. Occasionally two or three are seen flying over the causeway and a few may be seen near Pelican Island.

They are a small bird with a black and cinnamon back, and have a cinnamon colored head, neck and chest, and white underneath. They are easily identified by the white bar across their wings. It arrived here about July 10th., I have seen none here after October 1st.

This concludes the series on plants and birds, Lt. Comdr H.G. Castle. During the war, while he was stationed on Palmyra he printed the two mimeographed sets for the information of the service personnel stationed here. Why, no mention of the migratory ducks were made in his papers is not known. It is possible that none arrived the year he was here, which may prove that the ducks are blown off their course by strong winds, causing them to stop here, in their flight farther south.

PALMYRA P.(T) A.

The Department of Public Instruction has not forgotten us, so they state in a letter which is on the bulletin board in the hotel. They have a teacher selected for the job and after the NC65 makes it's first trip and the report is made to the Department, the teacher and books will be sent down to open our new school.

With a teacher here there will be more families with children wanting to come, when housing is available.

PALMYRA PACIFIC AERONEERS NOTES.

The stockholders of the Palmyra Pacific Aeroneers, at the meeting held Tuesday evening, November 9th, voted to close up and to pay off the stockholders the money they have invested in shares. It was felt that there was no need for the store to be kept open for the sale of stamps and the small stock of other items not carried by the commissary.

The meeting was originally called to elect new officers, to replace those who had been transferred and those who were resigning.

It was moved Mr. Roberts, after a motion by Mr. Barnes and seconded by Mrs. Mathews; that the Co-op be dissolved, and a unanimous vote approving.

That all checks now made out to the Palmyra Pacific Aeroneers, be forwarded to Miss. Fee and Mrs. Ross, and upon receipt of checks, to be deposited in Palmyra Pacific Aeroneers account.

The account to be then closed; a certified check for the total amount remaining to be made payable to Mr. Stephen S. Barnes, who has volunteered to settle all outstanding debts, that said balance will cover. All bank statements and cancelled checks on the Palmyra Pacific Aeroneers account to be also forwarded him.

This motion was seconded by Mrs. Smith and passed by a unanimous vote.

A motion by Mr. Hornung that all checks for accounts now due the Palmyra Pacific Aeroneers be made payable to O.H. Hornung Jr., who would endorse them over to Mr. Barnes after the account had been credited on the books, to cover accounts payable by the Palmyra Pacific Aeroneers.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and passed by a unanimous vote.

Before the meeting adjourned a drawing was held for the two lucky ladies. Mrs. Norton held the first number and received a hand blocked Tea set. Mrs. Smith held the second number and carried away a sewing kit.

The meeting closed at 10:08 PM.

Overheard outside the hotel the other evening as a certain gentleman removed his hat. And the gentle Palmyra breezes, caressed his noble--- Bald HEAD. Wonder who they could have meant?

Mr. Bramer when asked about going fishing, stated: "That he was resting on his laurels."

We caught a 60 lb. alua

The birds were not given much time in the Big City and were rushed on to the second Big City in size in the Islands.

Hilo isn't the quiet little town we know, almost thirty years ago when it's population was around three thousand. There was one pier and everyone went down to meet the Interisland Steamers when they arrived and the Hawaii Consolidated Railway ran trains to Honokaa, Glenwood and down into Puna.

a female in her late 40s

NC65 is the C.A. Aiplane